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OUR QUEEN'S PATRIOTISM.

LONDON'S LOYALTY.

HER MAJESTY'S HEARTY APPRECIATION OF IRISH VALOUR.

THE SHAMROCK FOR EVER!

THE QUEEN'S VISIT TO LONDON—filially and most seasonably prompted by her devoted son and heir, the Prince of Wales—coupled with Her Majesty's abandonment of her Riviera holiday, and the cordially approved trip to Ireland instead, may justly be regarded as fresh proofs of her intense patriotism and warmest appreciation of the valour of her soldiers and sailors fighting so courageously against the faithless Paul Kruger, who misled the Boers into a conspiracy to drive Britons from South Africa. Our venerable Sovereign has evoked an outburst of loyal enthusiasm which cannot fail to be of the greatest service as a warning to those Continental Powers which have dishonoured themselves by permitting our revered Queen to be lampooned in the most reprehensible fashion, and have thereby offered insults to this country which will be best resented by withholding British gold from these unchivalrous and dastardly nations that have been so vastly benefited by British support and British charity in the past. Granted that the venal Continental Press—Bismarck stigmatised it not unjustly as the "Reptile Press"—has been bought in a great measure by the intriguing Boer emissary, Leyds, who is said to have lavished tens of thousands of pounds in procuring the prostitution of certain of the Paris papers to the basest of purposes, there yet remain in France, Germany, and in Austria large numbers of the people who have gloried in the reverses of the British, and have belittled the masterly victories of Lord Roberts.

The Magnificent Reception of Her Majesty

by hundreds of thousands of the loyal citizens of all classes and all ages in the Metropolis is a potent answer to our open and half-masked enemies. The spontaneous and undeniably hearty acclamations of the Millions when our Queen afforded us the utmost satisfaction by appearing in our midst repeatedly, to receive loving homage on each occasion, meant not only fervent and true loyalty to the venerable Lady who rules over us benignantly, but a resolute determination to prove that England is ready to meet and defeat any foe.

"God Save the Queen,"

as sung by myriads when Her Majesty drove through the leading thoroughfares, thronged by hosts of patriots, had a new and deeper meaning. The earnest voices, inspiring in their volume and emphatic power, conveyed not only fullest sympathy to the gallant Regulars and Volunteers offering up their lives so freely in South Africa, but the firmest resolve to support the Government in their common-sense and inflexible adherence to the one rational policy of

Upholding the Union Jack

in the Orange Free State and in the Transvaal, in freeing both Republics from the peculating oligarchies which have dishonestly worked them to their own profits, and in granting the Boers and Outlanders the entire freedom which all enjoy under British Rule, and also in putting the boldest front to the Gallic Cock, which has daily given us so much offence that the Great Exhibition in Paris will assuredly lack British support in a great measure if the Cabinet of M. Loubet does not energetically and immediately second the praiseworthy efforts of the French Foreign Minister, M. Deschanel, to bring Paris and France back to the path of right and reason. Meanwhile, the storm of cheers which brought glad smiles to the ruddy face of our blue-eyed and

Still Hale Sovereign Lady—

looking in the best of health, the *P.I.P.* rejoiced to notice as Her Majesty drove down St. James's Street—typified the invincible loyalty and love of country that is bringing in thousands of recruits to our brave Army, Navy, Militia, and Volunteers. In fine, "Ready, boys, ready: we'll fight and we'll conquer again and again!" was the national warning these cheers straight from the heart conveyed to all who had the sincere pleasure of hearing them.

Resuming our War Record, we come to

General French's Smart Outflanking of the Boers under Steyn and Kruger at Poplar Grove

on March 7. Lord Roberts himself sends the clearest and promptest reports of each signal victory. Summarising the action of March 7, his

HOLBORN'S LOYAL GREETING TO THE QUEEN ON MARCH 8.

'Twas in Trafalgar Square,
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Lordship paid this most gratifying tribute to the remarkable skill of his foremost Cavalry Leader, General French, the reliever of Kimberley—

"Poplar Grove, March 7.

"We have had a very successful day, and completely routed the enemy, who are in full retreat. The position they occupied is extremely strong and cunningly arranged, with a second line of entrenchments, which would have caused us heavy loss had a direct attack been made. The turning movement was necessarily wide owing to the nature of the ground, and the cavalry and Horse Artillery horses are much done up. The fighting was practically confined to the Cavalry Division, which, as usual, did exceedingly well, and French reports that the Horse Artillery batteries did a great deal of execution amongst the enemy. Our casualties number about fifty. I regret to say that Lieutenant Keswick, 12th Lancers, was killed, and Lieutenant Bailey, of the same regiment, severely wounded; Lieutenant de Crespigny, 2nd Life Guards, also severely wounded. The remaining casualties will be telegraphed to-morrow. Generals de Wet and Delarey were in command of the Boer forces."

"Poplar Grove, March 8.

"Two brigades cavalry, with Horse Artillery and Sixth (Kelly-Kenny's) Division of infantry, marched to-day ten miles eastwards. The Boers were quite taken by surprise yesterday, and moved off so hurriedly that they left their cooked dinners behind them. We captured a Krupp gun, several tents, and wagons. Total casualties were—Killed: Lieutenant Keswick, 12th Lancers; Lieutenant Frieslick, 1st Grahamstown Volunteers. Wounded: Lieutenant P. J. Bailey, 12th Lancers (severely); Lieutenant C. Champion de Crespigny (severely); Lieutenant Smith, Shropshire Light Infantry (severely). This officer is believed to have been picked up by Boer ambulance. One man Life Guards and 12th Lancers killed, forty-six men wounded, and one missing."

Kruger and Steyn were Both Present

at the fight on the 7th inst., and did all in their power to rally their troops [reported a later despatch of Lord Roberts]. The rout, however, was complete, the men declaring they could not stand against British artillery and such a formidable force of cavalry.

It is but fair to add that Generals Kelly-Kenny and Colville and Generals Tucker and Pole-Carew also took active parts, as mentioned likewise by Lord Roberts, in this bold turning movement, which staggered Kruger and Steyn obviously, and proved completely successful.

How Kelly-Kenny's Division Won Fresh Distinction near Driefontein.

Lord Roberts, in his despatch from Driefontein on Sunday morning, March 11, said—

"The enemy opposed us throughout yesterday's march, and from their intimate knowledge of the country gave us considerable trouble.

"Owing, however, to the admirable conduct of the troops, they were unable to prevent us reaching our destination.

"The brunt of the fighting fell on Kelly-Kenny's Division, two battalions of which—the Welsh and the Essex—turned the Boers out of two strong positions at the point of the bayonet."

The Boers Lost 100 Dead.

After sending Lord Lansdowne a list of the officers killed and wounded in this brisk engagement, F.-M. Lord Roberts continued in a second despatch on Saturday night last—

"I cannot get precise number of casualties before the march, but will communicate it as soon as possible.

"The Boers suffered heavily. One hundred and two of their dead were left on the ground. We captured about twenty prisoners."

Lord Roberts's Firm Protest Against the Boers' Abuse of the White Flag.

"Driefontein, March 11, 9.45 a.m.

"The following telegram has been addressed by me to their Honours the State Presidents of the Orange Free State and South African Republic—

"Another instance having occurred of a gross abuse of the white flag and the signal of holding up the hands in token of surrender, it is my duty to inform your Honours that if such abuse occurs again I shall be most reluctantly compelled to order my troops to disregard the white flag entirely.

"The instance occurred on the kopje east of Driefontein Farm yesterday evening, and was witnessed by several of my own staff officers as well as by myself, and resulted in the wounding of several of my officers and men.

"A large quantity of explosive bullets of three different kinds was found in Cronjé's laager, and after every engagement with your Honour's troops.

"Such breaches of the recognised usages of war and of the Geneva Convention are a disgrace to any civilised Power.

"A copy of this telegram has been sent to my Government, with a request that is may be communicated to all neutral Powers."

Laffan Describes the Dastardly Boer White-Flag Outrage.

A great proportion of our losses at Driefontein, says Laffan's correspondent, resulted from a flagrant act of treachery on the part of the enemy. A Boer commando was backing out of our artillery-fire and nearing the open veldt, where they would be subjected to a severe raking from our guns, while a squadron of British mounted infantry was hovering on their flank ready to pursue them. Recognising the great peril of their situation, a large company of Boers hoisted a white flag, held up their hands, and threw down their arms as a sign of surrender. The British thereupon advanced without hesitation to accept the surrender, when another section of the enemy poured repeated volleys into our ranks. The Field-Marshal and several of his staff were eyewitnesses of this treachery through their field-glasses. An examination of deserted Boer positions has disclosed an abundance of explosive soft-nosed and split-nosed ammunition.

The "Times" Account of Plucky Episodes in the Battle of Driefontein.

The *Times'* expert correspondent in his lucid despatch says: On Saturday morning the cavalry found the kopjes at Driefontein strongly occupied. At 1.30 the Sixth Division (Kelly-Kenny's) arrived, and the 13th Brigade, led by the Buffs, and the 18th Brigade, led by the Welsh Regiment, proceeded to clear the kopjes under a hot and bewildering fire.

The engagement was signalised by many acts of bravery, especially in connection with the supply of ammunition, which ran short because the men, having to march thirteen miles, had been relieved of fifty rounds. The storming of Alexander Kopje by the Welsh Regiment was an extremely fine piece of work. The New South Wales Mounted Infantry made a gallant, but unsuccessful, attempt to capture a gun.

The Boer Guns Outranged Ours.

The *Morning Post* Correspondent, Mr. H. F. Prevost Battersby (who was vividly portrayed in last week's *Sketch*) said: The enemy evacuated and reoccupied positions, subtly concealing their intentions, and only withdrawing their guns a few minutes prior to their impending capture. Their guns outranged ours, the Naval Brigade not arriving in time. The cavalry horses were completely tired by the repeated withdrawals. The turning movement was commenced too late. The The enemy attempted with the heliograph to lure us to occupy a kopje which they held, but, detecting the deception, we returned.

Boers Made Off in the Night.

The *Daily News* War Correspondent, in his admirable Battle report, stated: Our cavalry had a harder task than usual. In trying a flanking movement they were for a time checked. When we awoke this (Sunday) morning we found that, in spite of his stubborn stand yesterday, the enemy had again sought safety in flight. Not a Boer was to be seen.

Boers Outwitted by "Bobs" Again.

The *Daily News* correspondent in a message from Ventersvlei, dated 6.5 last Monday evening, said—

We left Aasvogel Kop this morning, and preceded by the cavalry, marched to this place, a distance of about fifteen miles. The army has

GENERAL SIR REDVERS BULLER, V.C., Liberator of Ladysmith.

GENERAL SIR GEORGE WHITE, V.C., Heroic Defender of Ladysmith.

In introducing these large Estimates I must be allowed to pay my passing tribute to the heroism of our troops—(cheers)—to the stoical tenacity of Sir George White at Ladysmith—(cheers)—to the promptitude and versatility of the Naval Brigade; to the dogged determination of Sir Redvers Buller—(cheers).—From Mr. Wyndham's Tribute to our Gallant Fighting Men in the House of Commons Last Monday.

At Colenso, Corporal Adams, of the Royal Engineers, swam across the river, taking with him the telegraph-wire, which was at least two hundred yards in length. It was Corporal Adams, too, who swam across the Little Tugela with the telegraph-wire.

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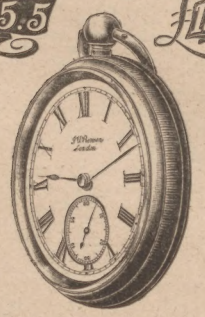

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Then there is a capital Chart, giving the average time of Digestion, from which we gather that of fish, soles and stewed oysters are best; of game and poultry, partridges and boiled fowls; of fruit, bananas, cherries, ripe pears, and prunes; of meat, boiled tripe and boiled calves' feet; of sundries, brains, boiled and Swiss milk, raw eggs, and pearl barley; and of vegetables, mushrooms, asparagus, leeks, boiled rice, watercress, spinach, seakale, Brussels sprouts, and vegetable marrow. Then we find rules for increasing weight, with diet table for those who desire to reduce obesity.

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been following the Kaal Spruit, and we are now rather to the south of Bloemfontein, and only about twelve miles off. All the divisions have now joined the main advance.

Lord Roberts's headquarters are at Gregorowski's Farm. It will be remembered that the Reform prisoners were tried by Judge Gregorowski.

By advancing along the Kaal Spruit Lord Roberts has again outwitted the Boers, who had intrenched themselves along the Modder, thinking that our route would be in that direction.

We found most of the farms along our line of march deserted, with white flags flying over the houses. All belongings worth removing had been taken away. There are evident signs that the occupants were in a great hurry, things being littered about. The Commander-in-Chief has given strict orders that nothing is to be touched.

French's Dash on Bloemfontein.

Lord Roberts does not let the grass grow under his feet. On Tuesday his Lordship communicated this satisfactory piece of intelligence to the Marquis of Lansdowne—

"VENTERSVLEI, 5.20, March 13.

"I directed General French, if there was time before dark, to seize the railway station at Bloemfontein, and thus secure the rolling stock. At midnight I received a report from him that, after considerable opposition, he has been able to occupy two hills close to the railway station, and which command Bloemfontein.

"A brother of President Steyn has been made prisoner. The telegraph-wire leading northwards cut, and the railway broken up.

"I am now starting with the Third Cavalry Brigade, which I called up from the Seventh Division, near Petrusberg, yesterday, and the Mounted Infantry, to reinforce Cavalry Division. The rest of the force follows as quickly as possible."

The British Losses

in the fighting last Saturday are given by Lord Roberts at 320 wounded and about sixty or seventy killed and missing. The Boer losses in killed alone we know to have been at least 102, that number having been left on the field (wired the *Standard* man on Monday).

General Tucker has Received the Submission of Several Boers

in the course of his advance, as a result, presumably, of Lord Roberts's proclamation. A farmer who has remained at his homestead says that the enemy may make one more stand against our advance on Bloemfontein, but that, if they are beaten, the occupation will not be further opposed.

Lord Kitchener's Ubiquity.

Her Majesty, who is known to share the Prime Minister's, and, we may add, All England's, confidence in Lord Kitchener's great ability and resource as a military leader of the first rank, has had good cause to bless the day when his Lordship and Lord Roberts, his chief, were sent out to take the reins in South Africa. The inert Army before Magersfontein was roused speedily from its lethargy directly Lords Roberts and Kitchener arrived at Modder River; Kimberley was swiftly relieved, and Cronjé and his thousands were captured in laager, and the retreating Boers were steadily driven back in the Orange Free State in the direction of Bloemfontein. Perfect masters of organisation and strategy and quick execution have Lord Roberts and Lord Kitchener again proved themselves.

Lord Kitchener, who was at Kimberley on Friday, March 9, the next day had accomplished one of his famous rapid railway journeys, and was at Victoria Road superintending the arrangements for breaking down the revolt in the western districts of Cape Colony.

The Bedfords, Wilts, and Berks occupied kopjes and positions along the south bank. A searching artillery-fire was maintained for several hours, the 40-pounders firing lyddite. The kopjes and scrub over a wide area were thoroughly bombarded, and a farmhouse occupied by the Boers was set on fire, and another was battered.

The *Daily Telegraph's* Correspondent says the reconnaissance was to the west and south-west of the bank of the Orange River below Norval's Pont.

The Noble Sacrifice of the Gallant Inniskilling Fusiliers

is commemorated in one of our centre Illustrations. The Queen and Her Majesty's Ministers have alike testified to their warm admiration of the heroic bravery of these splendid Irish soldiers, who freely laid down their lives in the intrepid attack upon Pieters Hill on the memorable Friday night before the Relief of Ladysmith. The *Daily Mail's* Special said the "stand made throughout the night was one of the most gallant and stubborn efforts yet made towards the relief of Ladysmith. For twelve days the battle has been continuous, by night as well as by day, and this was one of its supreme moments.

"The Inniskillings joined this column with twenty-four officers—they have five remaining. That tells the story."

The Troops Under General Buller Made Their Triumphal Entry into Ladysmith

on the morning of March 3 (said the *Standard's* able Correspondent). The streets were lined by the garrison, and all the civilians who have stayed in the town, or who are well enough to stand about under a burning sun, had gathered to cheer their deliverers.

Sir George White and his Staff, on horseback, took up their position in front of the Town Hall, whose shattered tower and broken walls formed a fitting background for the historic and impressive spectacle.

The pipes and drums of the Gordon Highlanders played past each battalion of the Relief Column as it came up. Sir Redvers Buller and his Staff rode at the head of the troops, with an escort of Irregular Horse, and the van was led by the Dublin Fusiliers, who had fairly earned the honour by their gallantry and their losses. The spectators were not slow to mark the compliment paid to this distinguished battalion, which was greeted throughout by a storm of cheers.

Sir Charles Warren followed at the head of the Fifth Division, and after General Barton's Brigade came General Lyttelton's Division, the commander of which came in for special recognition, his fame having preceded him. The Artillery and the Howitzer Battery were also heartily acclaimed, and a warm reception was extended to the Naval Brigade and their guns. Captain Lambton had previously gone out to greet them.

The men looked in excellent health, and their bronzed cheeks were in marked contrast to the pale faces of the garrison. Each regiment marched past in review order, and as they passed the Town Hall, raised cheers for Sir George White, who was manifestly much affected.

General Sir George White

left Ladysmith soon after for Pietermaritzburg, where he had an enthusiastic welcome. He departed for Durban on Monday morning. The Governor, with his military Staff, bade him farewell at the station. General White's health has improved, we rejoice to hear. He was heartily greeted at Durban, where he went on board the *Mohawk*.

Sir Charles Warren,

with the Lancashire Fusiliers and the Middlesex Regiment, embarked on Monday at Durban for East London.

Buller v. Joubert.

General Buller remains in command of the British troops at Ladysmith.

BOER FORT AT BLOEMFONTEIN, WHICH GENERAL FRENCH'S CAVALRY REACHED LAST TUESDAY.

From a Photograph by F. W. Ferguson.

Mafeking will, we trust, have been relieved by the time these lines are read.

Gatacre's Ring of Fire.

Mr. Hales, the *Daily News* Correspondent, who recently was liberated from Bloemfontein, referring to the abandonment by the Boers of Stormberg, says they were forced to go, as General Gatacre had them in a ring of fire. His task has been a terrible one, owing to the nature of the country. Had he acted rashly, our losses would have been appalling. The country is a nest of natural death-traps.

General Gatacre, with a force consisting of mounted infantry and several batteries of artillery, left Burghersdorp last Monday morning to push on rapidly towards Bethulie railway-bridge over the Orange River. Our troops, however, arrived too late to save the railway-bridge from destruction by the Boers.

The enemy were also preparing to demolish the wagon bridge when our force swooped down upon them, compelling them to beat a hasty retreat. The enemy then took cover on the Free State side of the Orange River, and an artillery duel ensued.

General Clements's Advance.

At daylight last Monday (according to Reuter) General Clements made an artillery reconnaissance. Four 40-pounders, one battery Royal Horse Artillery, the 2nd, 4th, and 29th Field Batteries, and three Maxims were in action.

It was ascertained at Ladysmith on Monday that it was the main body of the enemy which was in position on the Biggarsbergen. General Joubert was at Glencoe.

Scouts who got well within touch of the Boers in the Biggarsberg state that the enemy are well intrenched there, but they have reason to believe that there are few Boers at Dundee, although the place is well fortified against attack.

Great Britain's Firm Answer to the Boers' Cool Overtures for Peace.

Of one thing the Boers may be certain. We do not mean to suffer this terrible loss of life and sacrifice of treasure for nothing. We mean to secure the Transvaal and Orange Free State firmly under British Imperial Rule and under one Flag, the glorious Standard of England.

Presidents Kruger and Steyn (who ought both to be sent with Cronjé to St. Helena when captured) have been in communication with the British Government as to the conditions upon which the war can be brought to a close.

The reply of Her Majesty's Government indicates clearly the only lines on which a settlement can be effected—the supremacy of Great Britain over South Africa must be explicitly recognised; the two Republics will be disarmed, and the control of military affairs placed in the hands of the Imperial Government, and equal political rights will be granted to all white races.

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Through Fire and Water.

BY KATE A. SIMPSON.

I.

"I SAY! Are you married yet?"

Ivan Carlyon turns abruptly as a delicate pearl-coloured glove is laid on his sleeve, and looks down into the beautiful laughing face upturned to his gaze.

As his eyes meet Cora Marricott's she flushes a hot, vivid crimson, and withdraws her hand. Instinctively he raises his hat, but with a muttered "I—I beg your pardon!" the girl flits on, and her butterfly robes are soon lost in the brilliant throng.

Smiling, and still puzzled at the recent encounter, he passes on to exchange a greeting with Lady Loraine and her pretty daughters.

"How do you do, Mr. Carlyon? Delighted to see you back again—just in time for our ball. I hope you will come?"

"I shall be delighted. I only returned to town last night, and am going up to Scotland next week with the Huntlys."

"Are you? So are my girls."

"What a sad thing about the Lesters! I suppose the property goes to a distant cousin?"

"Yes, Miss Marricott—a wild Yorkshire girl—a most 'larky' young person, I hear. A girl who has never been in Society or stayed in a country-house in her life; whose chief diversion has been raking round hydropathics with an old maid governess. But there—money covers a multitude of sins!"

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Lady Loraine's spacious rooms are filled with dancers; the sound of a dreamy valse falls on the ear, while the perfume of lovely flowers lulls the senses to dreamy languor. Ivan Carlyon has put down his name for dances with his hostess's daughters, when his friend Jack Stanforth comes up.

"Got any dances left, Carlyon? Come on, I'll introduce you to the jolliest little girl in London; the best dancer, by Jove, in the two hemispheres!" and Carlyon finds himself standing before a brilliant little figure that reminds him more of a bird-of-paradise than anything else.

"Mr. Ivan Carlyon—Miss Marricott."

"May I have a dance?"

The blonde head is raised, two blue eyes meet Ivan's own, then a wave of colour floods the girl's face.

"Jove! Then you 've met before? Ivan, old fellow, you 're in luck!" and Jack Stanforth takes himself off.

For a moment the other two are silent; then Ivan takes the white and gold card from the girl's slim hand, and sees her fingers are trembling.

"I may have a valse?"

"If you care to—yes."

"Thanks."

"Of course you remember I can give you no explanation."

"Don't think of it," Ivan breaks in. "You took me for some old friend—some——"

"More than that," she says hurriedly. "I mistook you for someone I know; but my words were a quotation—an old joke."

Ivan sees she is really distressed; he hands back her card, saying with grave courtesy—

"Your remark was meant for another gentleman, Miss Marricott, and I—well, I have forgotten it!"

Cora flashes him a grateful glance as she turns to other men who are besieging her for dances; but when it comes to his dance Ivan searches high and low for his partner, corridor, conservatory, supper-room, all in vain; Miss Marricott is nowhere to be found.

II.

"If I'd known he was to be here, I'd never have come? I hate even being in the same house!"

"But, Cora dear, what has he done? Ivan is such a favorite generally!"

"It 's not anything he has done, it 's what I did! Before you can understand, Milli, you must hear the whole story. Last summer, before I came into my money, old Grundy and I were staying at a Hydro——"

"First tell me, who in the world is 'Old Grundy'?"

"My old governess; she always plays propriety, you know. Well, the doctor there was a bachelor, and very amusing. There was one girl who came to stay there every year who couldn't understand how it was he didn't become a slave to her charms! He told me a story—conceited of him, Milli, but very amusing. When she arrived there one day she greeted him with, 'I say, are you married yet?'

"'Not yet,' he responded. 'I 'm waiting for you!'

"'Humph!' with a toss of her head. 'You 'll have to wait a long time!'

"'Well, I hope so!' he returned blandly and, I must say, brutally; and 'Beauty,' as we called her, sulked and refused to speak to him for days."

"But what has this to do with Mr. Carlyon?" says Milli, much mystified.

"This, dear. A fortnight ago, at the rose show, I saw a man I was positive was Dr. Clarke. He was close by me; so, putting my hand on his sleeve, I remarked in imitation of 'Beauty's' coquettish tones, 'I say, are you married yet?' Imagine my horror when he turned, and I saw it was a stranger—Mr. Carlyon!"

"Cora! What did you do?"

"Do? Turned and fled! I saw the wretch again at your ball. He was introduced, and asked for a dance. I gave him one, then went and hid from very shame and mortification when it came off."

"I hate to have your visit spoiled, Cora. Perhaps he won't stay long."

"If he does I shan't!" and Cora relapses into silence.

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The annual ball at Glengolf Castle is in full swing. Crowds of gay figures throng the fine old mansion. Cora has danced with all the best-looking men in the room—save one!

And he? Well, a little pucker wrinkles the girl's brow as she stands by the heavy plush curtain. He has only put down his name for one dance, and his turn has come; shall she dance with him, or shall she run away—as she did once before! She must decide quickly. Voices fall upon her ear.

"And his answer was 'No, I am waiting for you!'"

"So that was the story!" It is Ivan who speaks.

"And now," goes on Milli, her clear voice reaching Cora where she stands, "now she simply hates you; and I believe if she knew I had explained the riddle to you she would never speak to me again. Come, the music is beginning."

Cora has been rooted to the spot. Now a movement of the curtain wakes her to life, and with scarlet cheeks and trembling limbs she turns to fly. How could Milli betray her! Dance with him now? Never! Sit it out? Impossible! There is nothing for it but instant ignominious flight. Down the corridor she goes and seeks refuge in the cloak-room; here she is safe, though every step passing the door makes her shiver.

She avoids her usual gossip in Milli's room that night, and goes straight to bed. Next morning, when Milli's maid takes up her breakfast, a little note lies on the tray—

"Dear Milli—

"Don't be angry; I am so anxious about Grundy, and have gone to join her. We shall wander about for a few weeks, and revisit our favourite hydro. haunts. I will write soon. Be sure and forgive your ever-loving CORA."

III.

The sea is dotted with small boats, and the Spa at Scarborough is alive with spectators. The gardens are alight with fireworks, whirring wheels and many-coloured showers of sparks fill the air.

There is a terrified scream! A large rocket has fallen short. It drops into one of the little boats, and explodes with a crash. An old lady in the stern of the boat starts to her feet. The little cockle-shell quivers, lurches, and in a moment her occupants are struggling in the chilly water!

The boatman has grasped the old lady firmly by the arm, and has her safe in tow; but the other—Cora—is gasping in the dark silent water, while the sparks of the rocket have caught and set fire to her filmy summer gown.

"Through fire and water!" she thinks, with a little shiver. "Is this what it means?" Then a strong arm is thrown round her; she is for a moment submerged to quench the flames, then she rises to the surface and remembers no more.

When she wakes to consciousness she is on the sofa in their own rooms. A doctor is bandaging her arm and hurting her horribly all the time. Her dress is burnt and torn, and wrapped round her shoulders is a light tweed coat.

Two days pass by, and Cora is recovering from her accident. The rocket had burst close to her arm, inflicting an ugly wound; but in spite of the doctor's orders for "quiet and bed," she is lying by the open window of the drawing-room, looking out over the sea. It is many months now since that ball at Glengolf Castle, and though she and Milli have met often since then, the subject of her flight has never been mentioned between them.

A firm step crosses the room, and the girl raises her eyes.

"You!" she exclaims concisely, while the hot colour floods her brow.

"Who else should it be?" says Ivan Carlyon, calmly seating himself by her side.

"But was it you who—saved me?" she says, in an awestruck whisper.

"Cora," he says, taking her hand, "why did you run away?"

She makes no answer, but her fingers tremble in his grasp.

"What a tiny little hand! I remember, when when you first laid it on my sleeve, I thought it the prettiest I had ever seen. Cora, ask me that question again: 'I say, are you——'"

"Don't!" she breaks in. "How can you!"

"Because I want to show you how well I know the answer," he says. "'No, I 'm waiting for you.' Shall I have to wait long, Cora?"

She raised two shy eyes.

"My darling!" And in another moment she is in his arms, and he is kissing again and again her sweet, trembling lips.

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HOW THE WORLD WAGS.

THE QUEEN has become dearer than ever to her loyal subjects on account of her thoughtfulness in arranging a triangular surprise for them. First, Her Majesty on three successive days last week drove through the streets of London, and was cheered as only Englishmen can cheer; secondly, the fact that she not only has permitted, but enjoined the wearing of the shamrock by all ranks in the Irish regiments on St. Patrick's Day, March 17; and last, certainly not least, her decision not "to be abroad at this time," but, instead, to visit Ireland next month, where her son, the Duke of Connaught, is commanding the Army.

Her Majesty, it may be recalled, has never visited Ireland before in the spring, her three previous visits to Dublin—in 1849, 1853, and 1861—all having taken place in August. It was on her last visit to Ireland in 1861, when Her Majesty entered Kingstown on Aug. 21, that the Queen, who was accompanied by Prince Albert, the Prince of Wales, and the Duke of Edinburgh, first saw the Killarney Lakes.

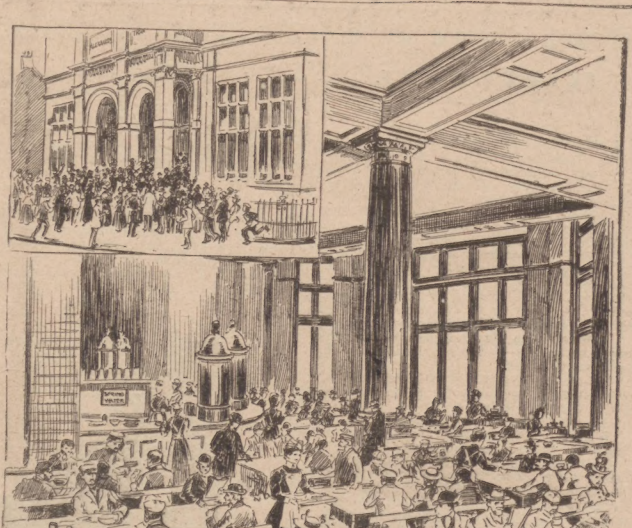
The New Army Order regarding the wearing of the "green immortal shamrock" is a truly happy thought on the part of Her Majesty, and cannot but do much towards erasing the bitter memories of 1798. The shamrock is the trefoil. While the Druids used it to cure diseases, the Irish use it as a national emblem. Brand tells us in his "Popular Antiquities" that when St. Patrick landed near Wicklow to convert the Irish in 432 the pagan inhabitants were ready to stone him. He begged to be heard, and endeavoured to explain the Deity to them as the Trinity in Unity. They failed to understand his teaching until, plucking a trefoil from the ground, he said, "Is it not as possible for the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost as for these leaves to grow upon a single stalk!" Then the Irish were immediately convinced.

The Queen Honours the City.—Lord Salisbury has officially announced that the Queen intends to confer a Baronetcy upon the Lord Mayor (Mr. Alfred John Newton) and a Knighthood upon each of the Sheriffs, Mr. Alderman W. P. Treloar and Mr. A. H. Bevan. Alderman Treloar fairly beamed with pleasure at the Savage Club dinner last Saturday to Mr. G. Byron Curtis, Mr. W. J. Fisher, Mr. Wm. Senior, and Mr. Joe Fisher, four new editors of mark. Alderman Treloar had evidently heard the good news.

Release of British Officers.—Three British officers who are incapacitated for military service—namely, Major Adye and Lieutenants Carbery and Capel-Cure—have been released by the Transvaal authorities in accordance with the terms of Article 2 of the Geneva Convention. They arrived at Lorenzo Marquez on March 5.

Fate of Andrée.—A bottle containing a card, purporting to be from Herr Andrée, has been picked up on the beach of the island of North Ronaldshay, Orkney. It is numbered "83," dated 1898, and is addressed to the Arctic Exploration Company, Gothenburg, with a request to the finder to post it, which was done.

Burning of the Comedie Francaise.—Our Illustration of this world-famous playhouse will be noticed with sympathetic interest on account of the disaster that occurred there on March 8. It is difficult for anyone versed in the best traditions of drama to write patiently on this subject, in view of the fact that the catastrophe was preventable.



LEXANDRA DINING-HALL, CITY ROAD—FIRST OF THE POPULAR CHEAP MEAL HOUSES TO WHICH SIR THOMAS LIPTON DEVOTED £100,000.

DESTRUCTION BY FIRE OF THE THÉATRE FRANÇAIS, THE FOREMOST PLAYHOUSE OF PARIS.

It is scarcely credible to read after the sad event that for weeks and months the authorities had been duly warned by the official surveyor responsible for the theatre's safety that a conflagration would be more or less fatal to the entire structure. It is admitted that this disregarded warning was given twice since Christmas. What in this case becomes of the boasted perfection of Parisian municipal organisation? Another salient interrogation which the people of Paris are putting to each other to-day is one with regard to the efficiency of their Fire Brigade. The nearest station to the theatre is 280 yards from the door. Yet after the knowledge of the fire was in possession of the *Pompiers*, it was some considerable time before any water was poured on the edifice. Then, again, the confusion that reigned was indescribable. The efforts of the firemen were solely directed to saving the archives, leaving the actual theatre to perish. The heartrending incident of Mdlle. Henriot's death, and the finding of her charred remains, has helped still further to swell the note of sympathy from all civilised centres. Pathetic in the extreme is the fact that, curled up on its mistress's bosom, and, like her, almost indistinguishable in form, lay what was in life and death her favourite terrier dog, which always accompanied her to the theatre. The Comédie Française was a building brimful of historic, literary, and dramatic associations. It has been the headquarters of French dramatic art since the days of the First Napoleon, although the establishment of a corporation of the best French histrionic talent dates back to 1680. It was then that the comedians of the Hôtel de Burgogne amalgamated with the old company of Molière. At that time the Comédie Française was in the Rue Mazarin, where it received the modest subsidy of twelve thousand francs a year from Louis XIV. Its next home was in the Rue de l'Ancienne Comédie, in the Latin Quarter, and here it remained eighty-two years. In this place, on the occasion of the introduction of "Mérope," the audience first insisted that the author of a new play (who in this case was Voltaire) should come forward at the end of the performance to receive his meed.

Fifty Years a Vicar.—Few clergymen become octogenarians, and fewer still have been vicar of one parish for half a century. The Rev. W. Green, vicar of Little Clacton, near Clacton-on-Sea, has, however, attained both these unique positions, and it is fifty years ago last Sunday, that he preached his first sermon in Little Clacton Church and took up the duties of his ministry. The reverend gentleman was eighty on Feb. 27, and his parishioners celebrated the occasion by presenting him with a purse of 115 guineas, and a letter signed by 185 subscribers testifying to their appreciation of his labours amongst them. An illuminated address is to be presented to him in the course of the next few weeks.

Emigration to Canada.—The farmers of Canada have again been favoured with a bountiful harvest. This is the case both in Manitoba, the North-West Territories, and also in Ontario and the other Provinces. At the present time, in addition to supplying the requirements of the Dominion, over 70,000,000 dollars' worth of farm and dairy products and fruit is annually exported. Canada offers many attractions to farmers in the way of free land, and other advantages in the shape of free education and opportunities for providing for young families; and those who are thinking of emigrating and of remaining within the Empire cannot do better than look at the Canadian Government advertisement which is printed in another column. The address of the High Commissioner for Canada, from whom all information may be obtained, is 17, Victoria Street, London, S.W.

Palmistry and Divorce.—Sir F. Jeune and a special jury concluded on March 8 the remarkable case of Crook v. Crook and Horrocks. The petition was that of Dr. Herbert Evelyn Crook, formerly in practice at Margate, for a divorce by reason of the alleged misconduct of his wife (née Killick) with the co-respondent, Dr. Peter Horrocks, obstetric physician, of Brook Street. The accused parties filed answers denying the charge. Mrs. Crook went to consult a lady palmist, and was much impressed by what she told her. She took a hairpin and traced the lines on her hand, saying that she had been delicate from a child, which was true; also that she would be a widow by divorce, and that before long there would be a serious scandal about her name. This interview made such an impression on the respondent and preyed on her mind to such an extent that she afterwards assured her husband that she had broken the Seventh Commandment with Dr. Horrocks, who had attended her in a confinement. Sir F. Jeune, in summing up, said the case was a very serious one, and it entirely rested on the confession of the wife. The confession was evidence against the wife, but not against Dr. Horrocks, and he would have been entitled to ask that he should be dismissed from the case. The jury were unable to agree upon a verdict. They found that Dr. Horrocks had not committed adultery, but with regard to the respondent they could not agree. His Lordship: Is there no possibility of your agreeing with regard to the respondent? The Foreman: I am afraid not, my Lord; we are so equally divided. Mr. Blackwell: I ask your Lordship to dismiss the petition against Dr. Horrocks with costs. Mr. Inderwick said they were bound to make Dr. Horrocks a party by Act of Parliament. He therefore thought the petition as against Dr. Horrocks should be dismissed, but without costs. His Lordship held that Dr. Horrocks must have his costs, and the petition as against him was dismissed. On the application of Mr. Priestley, his Lordship gave the respondent her costs of the trial.

THE LATE MDLLE. HENRIOT,

WHO PERISHED IN THE FIRE AT THE THÉATRE FRANÇAIS.

THE WORLD OF PASTIME.

ENGLAND AND SCOTLAND

met on the football field of the Scottish Union at Edinburgh on Saturday, and some 18,000 persons witnessed a very fine trial of skill. The teams may be said to have been exceedingly well balanced, and the play, assisted by the capital condition of the ground, fast throughout. Though less effective than had been thought likely, the Scottish forwards put plenty of life into the game, and with the opposite front division determined and capable, the result can readily be imagined. The frequent forward rushes made matters very exciting, and kept the back divisions constantly on the alert. G. T. Campbell (London Scottish), of the home team, and W. L. Bunting (Richmond), were the most conspicuous of the respective three-quarter lines, and it is singular that the abilities of each had not obtained recognition until a very late hour. Both the captains,

A. Mackinnon (London Scottish) and J. Daniell (Cambridge University),

set their forwards a most excellent example by their play, and their general directions helped to make the game what it was—a tight fit. Several times a score by one side or the other seemed almost certain, but the end came without either side being in possession of a point. With this match the two countries brought their internationals for the present season to a close. England, beaten by Wales, defeated Ireland, and, as the foregoing particulars show, drew with Scotland. The latter were also beaten by Wales, and could only draw with Ireland, whose match against Wales has yet to be played. A match which for obvious reasons proved attractive to London followers of football was that between the

Corinthians and Notts Forest.

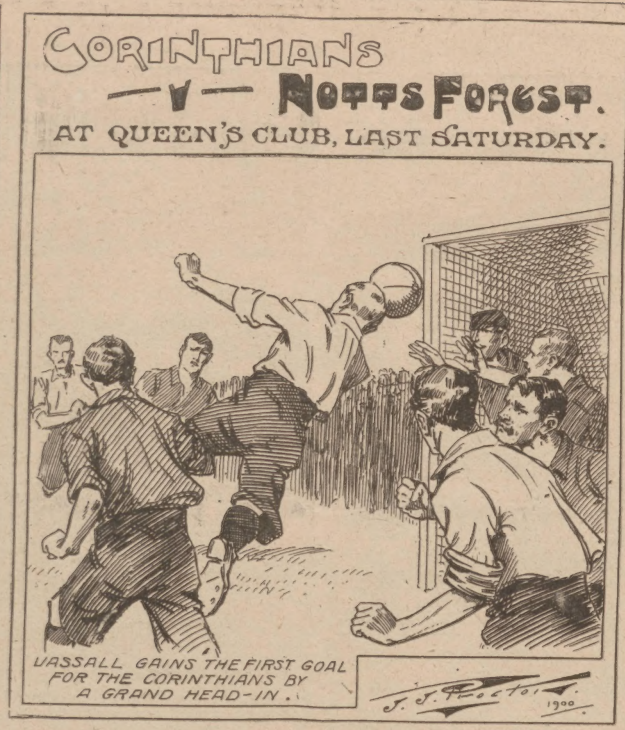
It took place at the Queen's Club ground, and provided a capital game, in which the play was both good and fast. After being more often on the defensive than not, the Corinthians obtained a goal, and this proved the only one in the first half. Then Notts Forest, having after the interval come on to the field two men short, had a second goal scored against them. The visitors played up very determinedly after this, Morris in particular making some capital runs. Success attended their efforts at the end of twenty minutes, and as they obtained another goal shortly before the arrival of time, the match ended in a draw.

Richmond

are winding up a season badly that has had few golden moments for them. On Saturday they were unable to escape defeat from Guy's, who had been beaten in the final for the Hospitals Challenge Cup by St. Mary's. It is, however, only fair to say of Richmond that much difficulty had been experienced in getting together a team. Blackheath, too, were beaten on Saturday, but it was an indifferent side that they put against Rosslyn Park. There was no doubt as to the superiority of Oxford University over the team which represented Kensington. The Dark Blues scored 18 points to none. It would scarcely be fair to their opponents to suggest that the ousting of Aston Villa and Sheffield United from the Football Association Cup has had a prejudicial effect upon the play of these famous organisations; but they were both beaten in their

League

engagements on Saturday, the Villa by Newcastle United and the Sheffield Club by Liverpool. These reverses have not interfered with their positions at the head of affairs, but they will have to pull themselves together if they do not want to suffer in reputation. With regard to the Association Cup, mentioned above, I may again state that the semi-finals are to be played on March 24. Also, I may be allowed to express the opinion that by giving such slight punishment as a month's suspension to a player found guilty of the "intention of inflicting injury" on an opponent, the Association have not done much to persuade people that they are willing to back up referees willing to do their duty.



Cross-Country.

There were several interesting events on Saturday in this branch of athletics. At Walthamstow the annual race for the Business Houses Athletic Association championship was won by the team representing Vickers, Son, and Maxim, but it was J. T. Baker, of the Thames Ironworks, who finished first, and this notable establishment also provided third and fourth (G. F. Cleveley and H. Hobbs). E. Reeman, of Maple and Co., was second, and his club also occupied second position in the championship. Vickers, Son, and Maxim came with a rush for fifth, sixth, seventh, and eight positions, and so they won. The Liverpool and District Championship was won by the Sefton Harriers, with one of their members, J. Sefton, first man home. The race for the South London Harriers "Thornton" Cup was secured by A. S. Maples, and J. E. W. Sanders, who was second, won the sealed handicap. To Rugby went the old Thames H. and H. on Saturday and opposed the school. As was the case last year, the visitors proved successful. The first man home was W. H. Whitelaw, an old Rugbeian, and the second and third places were gained also by Thames men.

The Late Edmund Peate, Cricketer.

At Newlay, near Leeds, there passed away on Sunday morning last one of the best and cheeriest of cricketers that ever did duty for county and country. Born on March 2, 1856, at Holbeck, Peate was only forty-four, and the illness which carried him off lasted but four days. It was always a treat to see Peate bowl; he was such a tryer, as many a batsman yet living can testify. His remarkable performances in matches were many, and in 1882 he took 165 wickets for 1837 runs, which was perhaps his best work for a whole season. As recently as 1894 Peate for England against Australia at Manchester took ten wickets for 51 runs on a hard wicket, and he might have been associated with first-class cricket for some years after that but for failing eyesight. Peate was a member of the team which visited Australia in 1881-82, and his left-handed "insinuators" met with considerable success.

England Beat Ireland

at Hockey on Saturday last. The match took place at Balmoral, Belfast, and the visitors scored two goals to one.

Inter-University Boat-Race.

Like everything else, the Boat-Race practice has to give way to the War. That is to say, the public interest is for the present drawn away from it. This matters little, however, to those likely to be actual participators in the struggle on the Thames on March 31. Oxford have met with a series of disappointments. F. W. Warre has been suffering from scarlet fever, and is, of course, out of the boat; and Hale and Gold have been absent. As constituted on Monday, however, at Henley, the Dark Blues made a show sufficiently creditable to lead to the hope that they will, despite changes and uncertainties, develop into a really good crew, especially as the new boat is likely to give every satisfaction. With the exception of slight indisposition on the part of J. H. Gibbon, the stroke, Cambridge are in excellent trim, and though during the early portion of the crew's stay at Cookham they were not tried very severely by reason of the fact stated above, there is little doubt that there is plenty of pace in the eight.

BANSHEE.

THE "P.I.P." FARMER ANSWERS.

Situation on a Poultry-Farm.

NATURALLY I would help "Mac" to get a situation if it were possible, but as I know of no one wanting such assistance, his best course would be to advertise his requirements in such papers as the *Stock-keeper* (77, Fleet Street, E.C.) or *Country Sport* (1, Essex Street, Strand, W.C.). As he has been brought up among poultry, etc., he ought to have no difficulty in securing such a berth as he desires. I am keeping his letter, and will furnish particulars to any inquirer.

Egg-Preservation.

I would advise my Worcester correspondent to give a trial to the method in use in several large establishments. This is smearing the eggs to be laid down with butter.

Sittings of Eggs.

My North Wales correspondent should know that sittings of eggs vary in price, like most other commodities. They can be bought (thirteen to the dozen) from 5s. upwards. Abbot Brothers, Thuxton, Norfolk, very reliable breeders, are advertising sittings of a good strain at 10s.

Charcoal.

In reply to the query inserted a week or two ago for the address of someone able to supply charcoal in bulk, Mr. S. Stirzaker, Shaw Brow, Whittle-le-Woods, near Chorley, Lanc., now that he can supply any quantity at market price. With my correspondent make a note of this address?

N.B.—The "*P.I.P.* Farmer" will be pleased to reply to rural questions sent to him through the Editor of *The Penny Illustrated Paper*, 198, Strand, London, W.C.

A Cheque from the Queen.—The tragic death of a woman named Armstrong at Belfast on hearing that her husband, a private in the 2nd Royal Highlanders, had been killed at Magersfontein, was lately brought under the notice of the Queen. Her Majesty made inquiries, and on March 9 a letter was received from Windsor Castle, enclosing a cheque for £2 towards a fund which has been opened for the three orphan children of the deceased.

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JAMES H. WHITE.—You must please address "Draughts Editor."

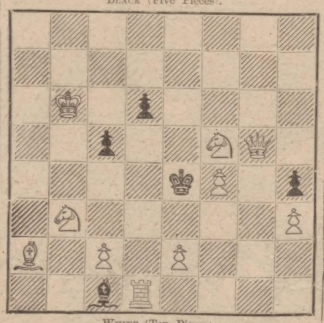
JOSIAH WEDGWOOD.—No; there is no mate.

SOLUTION OF PROBLEM No. 312.

1. Q to B 1st	K to K 3rd	2. Q to B 7th	Mate.
1. „	K to K 5th	2. Q to B 3rd	„
1. „	Kt takes R	2. Q to Q B 4th	„ etc.

PROBLEM No. 313.—By W. H. GUNDRY.

BLACK (Five Pieces).



WHITE (Ten Pieces).

White to play, and mate in two moves.

Game played between Messrs. AKINS and LAWRENCE.

WHITE (H. E. Atkins).	BLACK (T. Lawrence).	WHITE (H. E. Atkins).	BLACK (T. Lawrence).
1. P to Q 4th	P to Q 4th	Q to K 2nd would have been a	
2. P to Q B 4th	P to K 3rd	useful move, as it would make	
3. K Kt to B 3rd	P to K B 4th	either P takes P or P to K 4th	
4. B to B 4th	B to Q 3rd	possible. By playing P to B 5th	
5. B takes B	Q takes B	first, Black obviously risks the	
6. P to K 3rd	K Kt to B 3rd	isolation of this Pawn.	
7. Kt to B 3rd	P to B 3rd		
8. B to Q 3rd	Q Kt to Q 2nd		
9. Castles	Castles		

The defence of P to Q B 3rd, as also the move of P to K B 4th, is a conditional measure dependent upon its success on contingent moves; these are either P to K 4th to obtain a centre, or Kt to K 5th. The former move is not possible, but the latter might have been played now with advantage.

10. P takes P — Kt takes P

Unfortunately there is no agreeable alternative to this move, which leaves the K P weak, and spoils Black's defensive scheme. If B P takes P, White obtains a good attack by 11. Kt to Q Kt 5th, followed by 12. R to B 1st, etc.

11. P to K 4th — Kt to B 5th

This and the following moves are dictated by the necessity to avoid more awkward positions for the Knight. All things considered Black, perhaps, may not have done worse by submitting to the isolation of his K P. If he had played P takes P, then 12. Kt takes P could have been followed by Q to B 5th, and there was always the possibility of playing Kt to B 3rd to guard the King's Wing, or of playing P to K 4th to liberate the luckless Q B. Then perhaps the open Bishop's file might have been made use of for attacking purposes.

12. K to B 2nd — K to R 1st
13. P to K Kt 3rd — Kt to R 4th
14. R to K 1st — P to K Kt 3rd
15. Q to Q 2nd — P to B 5th

25. P to R 6th	Q to K 2nd
26. Kt (K 4) takes P	P to B 4th
27. Q takes P (ch)	

The object is accomplished, and the end in sight, as Black has no hopes to make more than a perfunctory resistance.

27.	Q takes Q
28. B takes Q	R to K B 1st
29. Kt to R 4th	P to B 6th (ch)
30. K to Kt 3rd	Kt to B 5th
31. Kt to Kt 6 (ch)	Kt takes Kt
32. B takes Kt	Kt to B 2nd
33. Kt to B 7 (ch)	R takes Kt
34. B takes R	R to K B 1st
35. B to B 5th	R to K Kt 1st
36. P takes P	Kt to Q 4th
37. Q R to Q 1st	B to B 3rd
38. B to B 7th	R to Kt 4th
39. B takes P	Kt to B 2nd
40. B to B 5th	Resigns.

DRAUGHTS.

GEORGE COAN.—Obliged for games; will be glad to receive more.

T. TURNBULL.—Thanks for batch of problems.

H. B. (Erith).—Sorry, but cannot decide your legal question.

H. HUNT.—Ten weeks since solvers were requested to erase (a) 9—6 in 259 solution. Yes, 26—22 is right.

CORRECT SOLUTIONS received from B. J. Conway, Captain Challice, Q.W.R., John Morrin, John E. Jones, H. Hunt, James H. White, and R. D. Arbib. Pleased to hear from Mr. White that our game is so much appreciated; while Mr. Arbib thinks No. 271, by A. J. Head, the cleverest problem he has ever solved.

SOLUTION OF PROBLEM No. 274. By H. GREENWOOD.

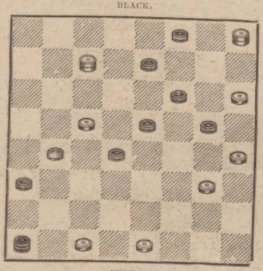
Black: 10, 14, 17, 18, 31K.
White: 12, 21, 25, 26, 7K.

White to move, and draw.

26 22 / 17—26	21 17 / 14—30	7 23 / 31—27	23 32 / 26—31	Drawn.

PROBLEM No. 275.—By J. WILLIAMS (Ebbw Vale).

BLACK.



WHITE.

Black to move, and win.

GAME No. 226.

Played by correspondence between Two "HOLY BOYS" (Bombay) and Private A. WOOD (Bareilly).

"The Centre" (*).

11—15	26 22	1—5	25 22	3—7
23 19	11—15	24 19	30—26(a)	27 23
8—11	28 24	15—20	25 29	11—16
22 17	7—10	22 15	26—17	31 27
15—18	30 26	10—26	21 14	16—20
19 15	9—14	17 1	2—7	6 2
10—19	32 28	9—13	1 6	
24 8	5—9	28 19	7—11	W. wins.
4—11	26 23	26—30	25 22	

(a) Would 30—25 draw?

Wood played Black.

Improvements requested.

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ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

ZULU.—If you took the house relying upon the landlord's promise, and could prove damages, you should instruct a solicitor.

PERPLEXED.—Pay the instalment and give them notice of the change of name.

S. FOREMAN.—(1) The property would be equally divided. (2) What was the arrangement when the furniture was lent? Was it returnable on demand when the instalments were not kept up, or were the payments for hire and purchase?

JACK.—You should have an agreement with the purchaser as to the payment of interest.

J. E. B.—Yes.

T. E.-C.—Your should see the master upon the matter and require him to carry out the terms of the indentures.

RICHARDSON.—We cannot advise you fully without knowing the terms of the agreement you signed. If you consent to their keeping the machine and the amount you have paid, they would probably withdraw the summons.

CALIAS.—If there is a right of way reserved by your lease your use of the road should not be interfered with.

S. G.—The answers to your questions must depend upon what the agreement with the architect really was. We consider that he is entitled to something for his work.

COUNTY.—If it is a legal notice to quit, you must either go or come to some arrangement with the landlord.

A. B. C.—Instruct a solicitor to demand delivery of the deeds.

HUGO.—You should have a second mortgage on the property and, if possible, a collateral security.

REED.—Your question is not clear.

OTHER REPLIES in next week's *P.I.P.* LEX.

Munificent Gifts to Hospitals.—Professor David Hughes, the eminent electrician, who died a few weeks ago, has bequeathed the greater part of his property—the net value of which has been declared at £472,705—to form a trust fund for the benefit of the Middlesex, London, King's College, and Charing Cross hospitals. The fund will be subject at first to certain life annuities to the testator's widow, sister, and brother-in-law, but the amount immediately available to the hospitals will be between £300,000 and £350,000, and this will ultimately be increased to over £100,000.

General Hector MacDonald has sent his chocolate box and contents, which he, along with the other soldiers at the front, received from the Queen, to Trinity College, Glenalmond, to be preserved there as a memento of the Boer war.

Amateur Poet: "I hope you received the little volume of poems I ventured to send you?"

Mr. De Smythe: "Oh yes I did—it is charming! I wonder where I have put it!"

Tommy: "Under the leg of the table, mamma, to make it steady."

POETRY AND PROSE.

Among the most important of the Prisoners taken at Paardeberg is Major Albrecht, who had charge of Cronje's artillery, and was European expert military adviser to the astute Boer leader. To the Major's skill in modern warfare may be attributed much of the enemy's success in opposing Lord Methuen's force at Magersfontein, and doubtless he it was who planned the elaborate entrenchments which rendered the Boer position practically impregnable to a frontal attack. The gallant Major is believed to be a German, though some assert that he is an Austrian, probably because to somewhat resembles the Emperor Francis Joseph in appearance. He does not share the common Boer hatred of the British, and only fought for the country of his adoption because he regarded it as his duty. Major Albrecht has not confined his attention to the western frontier of the Orange Free State, for it will be remembered that when Buller got unpleasantly close to Colenso he paid a flying visit to Natal and did good service for the Republican forces on the Tugela. Then he returned to assist Cronjé, and remained with him until he surrendered to Lord Roberts.

MAJOR ALBRECHT, Who Commanded Cronje's Artillery.

Rosalind's Fashions.

FROM among the new models, more or less seasonable and consistent (chiefly less), recently interviewed, I have chosen the one pictured in Fig. 1 as pretty and smart without the ultra-decoration which spoils so much of the millinery of the moment. This is a *chic* toque shape of somewhat more defined crown and brim than the general. The crown is of fulled black tulle, the brim of folded velvet of the dainty shade of pale blue that was, in the days of yore, called "sky," though not, strictly speaking, the colour of the sky (of fine days), being paler. A big

A SMART TOQUE.

rosette of the same on the left side accompanies two ostrich tips of the pale blue and two black wings. This shade of blue velvet is obtaining much for millinery just now, and goes charmingly with black, as in the design just described.

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From Paris toques of suède kid are reported much worn, trimmed simply with a big buckle or quill-feather run through, but I have only seen a few at exclusive millinery and modistic ateliers here, and they will most probably remain exclusive. Later on we may expect many lace hats, lace straw already being with us; and as floral reproductions are exceptionally beautiful and varied this spring, we may hope for some very charming designs. It is reported that the millinery of the immediate future will be built quite low, and that upstanding choux, feathers, and aigrettes generally are already *demodé*. In matters fashionable there is absolutely no certainty from one hour to another, but I see no indication of this change at present on any of the most recent models at the leading milliners.

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A Very Smart Little Coat and Skirt for juvenile wear is introduced in Fig. 2. Red is still affected for children's toilettes, and generally with much success; the youngsters nearly always look well in it, and a bit of warm, rich colour is a relief to the general greyness of town. This little suit is of red cloth, the skirt kilted, and with two rows of fancy black braid a couple of inches above the hem. The coat is, it will be seen, rather long, and is cut on strictly sac lines back and front, with a short opening at the bottom of both sides only, to give increased play when needed. It is trimmed with an edging and curl at the corners of the same black braid. Personally, I think the sac coat more becoming to children—whose figures are so slim and straight naturally—than to "grown-ups."

A SUIT OF RED CLOTH.

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Fig. 3 illustrates one of the most pronounced evening modes. This is an Empire gown of white satin, with a berthe and sleeves (from just below the shoulder) of transparent black lace. Straps of pearls and diamonds go over the shoulders, and ropes of the same are looped up to the centre of the berthe. This is cut up in the centre of the back also, and from the central curve comes the pleat, which gives grace and the required train to the back of the gown. That it needs a very graceful and symmetrical figure to wear these gowns with success goes without saying.

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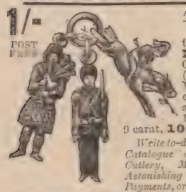

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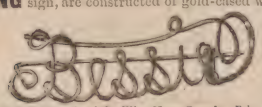

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THE WORLD OF WOMEN.

LONDON'S ENTHUSIASTIC GREETING TO THE QUEEN.

HER MAJESTY'S STAY IN LONDON on the Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of last week evoked vociferous and hearty tributes of loyalty not second even to the Jubilee and Diamond Jubilee demonstrations. The welcome was begun right well by Paddington, as the Queen drove from the Great Western Terminus to Buckingham Palace, and was continued with interest when Her Majesty gratified London citizens by going for long drives through the chief central thoroughfares of the Metropolis on the Thursday and Friday afternoons, and on Saturday last, when, after reviewing in the Palace gardens the Guards "going south," she returned to Paddington Station by way of crowded Constitution Hill and the thronged roadways of Hyde Park. The tumultuous cheers of the populace, the hosts of Union Jacks fluttering, and the serenading of the Queen at night outside Buckingham Palace occasioned the Queen much gratification. Artists of the *P.I.P.* present us with a couple of Drawings representing the public interest taken in this March visit of our beloved Sovereign much more vividly than any words can.

The Royal Drawing-Rooms

held on Tuesday and Thursday by the Princess of Wales, on behalf of the Queen, led to renewed outbursts of loyalty and devotion to the Throne.

The Prince and Princess of Wales and the City Sale of Irish Industries.

The Prince and Princess of Wales evinced their deep interest in the workers of Ireland and in Irish Industries by graciously consenting to open the Irish Fair the Marchioness of Londonderry has organised at the Mansion House on Friday afternoon.

Princess Christian's Philanthropy.

In the praiseworthy work of lessening the sufferings of our soldiers and sailors engaged in war, and of ameliorating the hard lot of the poor among us, H.R.H. Princess Christian shines pre-eminently. This true Sister of Mercy, youngest daughter but one of our Queen, is untiring in her benevolence. From New Year's Day to Christmas, Windsor has good cause to remember Princess Christian's practical philanthropy. In South Africa, a Princess Christian Hospital train administers to wounded Tommy Atkins whilst being conveyed from the battlefields to Cape Town; and very shortly Mr. Alfred Mosely will be opening the Princess Christian Convalescent Hospital for our "gentlemen in khaki" on a salubrious site near the chief port of Cape Colony. Then, on Saturday last, not content with journeying to Cambridge Heath to open the new school buildings of St. John's Church, Bethnal Green, which cost £8000,

Princess Christian Made a Fresh Appeal on Behalf of Tommy Atkins.

Her Royal Highness writes—

As President of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Help Society, I have long been impressed with the necessity of providing Homes for soldiers and sailors disabled in the service of their country, and, some time before the outbreak of the present War, I made public my views on the subject, and received various donations in anticipation of the scheme assuming a practical shape.

Since then Lord Firbright has presented a site of eight acres of freehold land at Bisley, a sum of seven thousand

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To make up the £100,000 more required to maintain these Homes, Princess Christian should supplement her appeal to the public for funds by securing subscriptions not only from the Lord Mayor's War Fund, but also from the affluent exchequer of the Patriotic Fund, the custodians of which should be compelled by Parliament to "pay, pay, pay" the many, many thousands of pounds they have so long withheld from our suffering soldiers, and their widows and orphans.

PRINCESS CHRISTIAN, A ROYAL SISTER OF MERCY.

From a Photograph by the London Stereoscopic Company.

Mr. Robert Taber,

who last Saturday opened the Adelphi with Mr. L. Irving's new romantic play, "Bonnie Dundee," himself playing Graham of Claverhouse, is one of the most brilliant actors yet sent to us from the U.S.A. He made his first appearance here as the studious Alexis in "Peter the Great" at the Lyceum, and later, on the same boards, scored enormous successes as the brave Laertes, Hamlet's foil, and as the bluff Macduff, Macbeth's cousin, in Mr. Forbes Robertson's revivals. We may congratulate ourselves that after three such successes Mr. Taber did not fly home, but elected to undertake the reins of management and create for us a part in which he should have full scope for his poetic and passionate emotional powers. It is a pleasure to see him in "Bonnie Dundee." Mr. Taber is a native of Staten Island, and has just passed his thirty-sixth birthday. His tastes had always been histrionic, and in spite of several abortive essays to "start in life" in more "legitimate" walks, before he was twenty he had launched himself into the profession in which he so soon won fame. His début was made with Madame Modjeska at the Union Square Theatre, and he has been kept constantly busy ever since, his most important parts being Romeo, Joseph Surface, Master Walter, Benedick, Malvolio, Orlando, Captain Absolute, Charles Marlow, Hotspur, Telèma in "Romola," and I am sure my readers will join most heartily in wishing him every success at the Adelphi.

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I Have Been Making a Round of the London Shops

for the benefit of my readers, and have been struck with the incongruity between the weather and the fashions. A biting north-east wind, which is apt to plant neuralgia in your temple or beside your cheek-bone, seems to make

A Charming Bonnet

of black or black-and-white tulle and roses a little "previous." I never remember to have seen before so many summer-like toques and hats at the end of February and beginning of

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March. Roses in March I consider out of place even if the weather is fine, which it is not as I write; and why they should be used when

Violets and Snowdrops

can be bought for the asking, who can tell? Tulle also seems out of place in spring millinery: it is so light and airy a material that it needs sunshine to enhance its charm. As regards spring materials, they are, as usual, legion, and the

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Half-Dress Occasions,

and I am happy to say that the elbow-sleeve is rapidly putting the long transparent sleeve out of favour. Women do now and then rebel against an ugly fashion, and succeed in getting a pretty one. I wish they would do it more often. I wish, for instance, they would set their faces steadily against the tight sleeves; but, for the most part, there is more trimming at the top, which improves their appearance. If I may judge by the models to be seen in the shops, the spring jackets will be short and smart, with high collars and wide revers. There is nothing absolutely original in the shapes, but they look smart and dressy.

From Winifred E. Heard comes a sweet Spring poem—

A Message from the South.

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I have told the sailing swallow
Where to find you, little sister.
He is coming when the may-trees
Have cast their scented snow,
When the primrose stars the woodland,
And the lovely sky blue violet
Is drooping 'neath the raindrops,
Its gold heart all aglow;

When the daffodils have folded
Their petals 'neath the sunlight,
And between the flowering rushes
The kingcups glow again;
By the softly flowing river
Gliding past the rose-clad hedges,
Whose lovely tinted petals
Flutter past in summer rain.

Then will come to you the swallow
With his message for my dearest
O'er the deep dividing ocean
All my wealth of love he brings.
You will know at morn or evening
That a sweet tale he is bearing.
When across the daisied grasses
The swallow's sweet song rings.

I have told him he must visit
The moss-grown sunny orchard,
The mulberry-tree where, swaying,
Your humour he must be:
And whisper to you softly
Of a love that never alters,
Whate'er the bitter changes
Life holds for you or me.

MARGUERITE.

THE RACING WORLD.

MANY regrets concerning

Flying Fox's Sale

to go abroad have been expressed. I cannot give my sentiments on the subject without showing more commercial feeling than is generally considered sportsmanlike. M. Blanc came here and gave

Thirty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Guineas

for the late Duke of Westminster's victorious four-year-old. That was five hundred guineas more than the next bidder, who was acting on behalf of an American. Our English buyers' limit had been exceeded—which is to say that they stopped when what they considered a fair value was reached. If they were, as I believe, sound judges, then comes the question whether it is better for the 37,500 guineas to come over to this country and stay, in consideration of the horse being expatriated, or for him to be retained in England. I am in favour of all this foreign money coming into the floating capital of the Turf.

I am not at all sure that Flying Fox is worth anything like the price paid for him, which is a strangeish thing to say, as I certainly believed he would fetch rather more than he did under the hammer. My view of this very high-mettled racer makes him a very doubtful security for so large a sum. Had I all M. Blanc's money I would not care to put so many eggs as you can buy for £40,000, three or thereabout, into the one basket Mr. Fox represents. He will have to run up to his form, so to speak, to give his purchaser value for outlay. Now that the sale is all over, I may mention that very likely

Flying Fox's New Owner

will better understand what sort of a temper he has than our public did when, last year, the crack's troublesome ways were put down to what was euphemistically styled high courage. From what I have seen of him he might very easily turn out to be a real savage.

Sir John Thursby

gave a good deal more than most people thought the horse would fetch when he bought Calveley for 7900 guineas. At the same time, it must be remembered that the last bidder against him was the Duke of Westminster's representative, and one cannot wish for a better guide in valuation than the hint thus expressed. A very fine, wholesome, sportsmanlike prospect is opened through this deal, because with Flying Fox out of the way,

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The time has not quite come for going at any length into Lincolnshire Handicap prospects, so I will borrow space that might be devoted to that event, and use it for the

Grand National Steeplechase.

During the last ten days or so we have seen a good deal of likely candidates for the big cross-country prize—much more than in all the rest of the jumping season put together. Judging by what has been seen, the race is, to use a ring phrase, drying up very fast.

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Romanoff

gave the best exhibition when he won at Sandown. On that occasion he went farther than anything else, jumped the biggest places in the fences, and stayed on well.

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at Hurst Park beat Manifesto very handsomely indeed; at the same time, the trial was not quite so satisfactory as it might have been, because he made one very bad mistake, and that sort of thing does not do for a Grand National; still, he fairly ran last year's winner right out of it, and, what is more, Manifesto's jumping was by no means smart.

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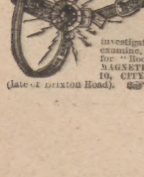

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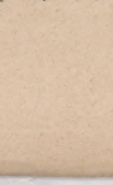

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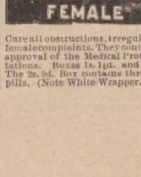

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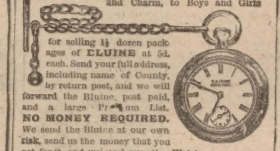

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